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Letters. Madura Collector

From whom received.	No. 84891	Substance.
	Vol. 4440	
		Transmitting copy of letter 25 from the Secretary to Government conveying the sanction of Government for the payment of the allowance of one cully fanam per diem to Vencata Subba Sastry son of Ananda Narayana Sastry the late Zemindar.
	30	Desiring with reference to the rules relative to grant of land for the construction of choultries sanctioned by Government under date 11th August 1829, that for the future they will not without having first obtained the sanction of the Board encourage any person building a choultry to expect such a grant.
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From whom received.	8897	Substance.
Secretary		Transmitting an extract from the Register of petitions referred to him in the month of January last.
Do		Desiring him to transmit a statement of Tufreek or proportion of dis=bursement which may have been levied or is leviable upon Enamlands on account of repairs of tanks &c effected by government during the last 6 years.
Do		Calling for further information relative to the natures of the land appropriated by certain inhabitants for the pur-pose of building and for which they request a remission of the amount of assessment fixed thereon
Do		Transmitting an extract from the Register of petitions referred to him, for month of February last.

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Date	Number.	From whom received.	
14	382	Secretary	Transmitt[ing] information an[d] copy of a letter by the acting R[...] of the Sadar to government [...] question whe[ther] of incapaci[ty] prietors a[...] Sold in Sa[...] arrears a[...] while u[...] ment of the [...]
15	330	Do	Desiring the [infor]mation cal[led for] whether Shr[...] and others ho[lding] Exempt from [...] of revenue to a[...] ted to collect [...] included un[der the] denominat[ion ...] may be su[...] without d[...]
17/5	329	Do	Reques[ting infor]mation c[...]

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
Nov [illegible]	[illegible]	Secretary	Explaining for what purpose Regulation V of 1822 was enacted and desiring that he will under its provisions extend the levy of the Moturpha tax to places where it has not been before collected without having received their Sanction for the measure.
	82	Do	Transmitting for his guidance copy of a [illegible] from government enclosing copy of a letter from the Acting Register to the Court of Sadar Adalat conveying the Sentiments of the Judges of that Court on the question whether the provisions of Regulation ~~XXVIII~~ of 1802 do or do not confer upon Mannie[illegible]ars the privilege possessed by other land holders for the recovery of the arrear of rent by distraint and requesting his opinion as to the expediency of making an

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			amount declared
			the Sadar A.E.
1816	472	Secretary	Transmitting
			information
			extract of
			Register of
			for the mon[th]
			April last.
1?77	474	Do—	Transmittin[g]
			of a correspondence
			with government
			and desirin[g]
			to report fo[r] the
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			of land which
			may give fo[r]
			support of th[e]
			choultry propo[sed]
			to be built by
			Alagoope
			Moopan
			District.
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			from the
			to govern[ment]
			conveyin[g]

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			of government for the continuance of a service yeomiah of 2 cully fanams per diem lately enjoyed by the late Subba charry, from the date of his decease to his [illegible] Krishna charry who is sta[illegible] to have performed the duti[illegible] for which the yeomiah [illegible] granted.
4/7	488	Secretary	Desiring him to return the petition from the widow of the late Poligar of Nuttham reported upon in his letter of the 23rd ultimo.
	491	Do—	Stating that the Board entirely disapprove of the unauthorized appropriation of the funds destined for the suppo[illegible] the Nuttom chuttram [illegible] establishment of a scho[illegible] at Cottampatty and desiring that the allowance granted for the chuttram may be restored.
		Do—	Stating that it is so clear that the purchasers

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			maidwaram grain ca be considered as "u farmers" and liab distraint under Reg XXVIII of 1802 on fo of payment, for the that the Board are prized that he sh have deemed it ne sary to make a rep on the subject.
19/7	490	Secretary	Transmitting an from the Regrs petitions referre him for the month of May last.
25/7	492	Do—	Communicating on a claim set up by the zemindar of Comm on behalf of a cer Pagoda to certain said to have been to that Pagoda bef ancestors and wh he alleges, the curr of the Pagoda were got possession of the manager of the mindari while u attachment in f 12.

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	556	Do.	Transmitting an extract from the Register of petitions referred to him in the month of June last.
/9	652	Do.	Transmitting for his information and guidance copy of a letter from government annexing copy of one from the acting Register, to the Court of Sadar Adalat on the subject of Zamindars being empowered to distrain under Regulation XXVIII of 1832
7/9	662	Do.	Transmitting an extract from the Register of petitions referred to him in the month of July last.
17/9	653	Do.	Stating that the Board do not consider it advisable to recommend that the grant of land solicited by Jacob Paou…

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			Superior of the Roman Catholic churches in his District should be complied with.
11/10	782	Secretary	Transmitting an Extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Sadar Adalat on the construction of that part of Section VII Regulation XXV which refers to the Registry of Sales and other transfers of lands.
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29/11	838	Do	Transmitting an extract from the Register of petitions referred [illegible] for the month of Sep[illegible] last.
6/12	"	Do	Authorizing for keeping up a chuttram and Establishment at [illegible]tampatty from funds of the [illegible] chuttram and the

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR of

Madura

SIR,

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With reference to your letter of the 17 ~~ult~~ I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance Copies of the undermentioned Letters.

From the Acting Secretary to Govt. 10 Jany 1832

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE:
FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th January 1832

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. C. Morris

Acting Secretary.

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Fort St. George 10th January 1832

Re

No. 25

Revenue Department

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Acting Secretary's letter of the 26th ultimo, No. 607, and to state that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to grant sanction to the Principal Collector of Madura, for the payment of the allowance of one Cally Fanam per diem to Vencata Sooba Shastry, from the 10th October last, being the date of the demise of his father Anunta Narrain Shastry the late incumbent. —

(Signed) T. R. Wheatley

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To

The President and Members of the

Board of Revenue

(True Copy)

J. C. Morris

Ag. Secretary. —

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Revenue Department

Circular

to

The Principal Collector of

Sir, Madura

The Board of Revenue having observed that in many instances the first of the Rules Sanctioned by Government on the 11th August 1829 has been construed as warranting Collectors to give of their own authority such sanction for the construction of Choultries as can constitute a claim to grants of land from Government for their support, I am instructed by the Board to desire, that for the future

future, you will not, without having first obtained their special sanction encourage any person building a Chouttry to expect such a grant. On each occasion of applying for that sanction you will furnish a concise report of the particulars of the case.—

Rev. Board Office
Fort St. George
19 January 1832.
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
W. Porter
Dy. Secretary.

C. F. W. Johnson

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To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions referred to you for the Month of October 1831.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
2 January 1832
Rec.d 18 February

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Jr. Dy. Secretary

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Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of October 1831.

Nos of Petitions	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
		Madura	
811	From Chinnasawmy Cone Head Inhabitant of Tanckeyem Village in the Zillah of Madura	Complains of an increased demand now made on account of certain waste land taken on lease. Prays that demand be reduced to the original rate.	The Principal Collector of Madra will be pleased to report by endorsement on this Petition 6th October 1831
818	From Samayen of yelundacoody in Sevagunga in the Zillah of Madura.	States that certain Parties who claim the Meerasy lands bought by Petitioner forcibly carry off the produce. Complains that	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into the complaint of the Petitioner and to dispose of this Petition 17th October 1831.

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	that the Principal Collector does not attend to his Petitions and prays for redress. —	
866 From Solamala Ambalacaren chinnasolamala and others of Vencalatoopatty in the Zillah of Madura. — ✓	Pray that certain lands to which they are entitled may be restored to them. —	Petitioner should address the Principal Collector of Madura. — 31st October 1831.

(True Extract)

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Jr. Dy. Secretary

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To

The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir, &c.

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th November last, and to state that on further consideration of the subject, they are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to accede to the request of the Zemindar of Ediacottah that his estate may be resumed by the Government, and an allowance equal to 10 per cent of its revenues granted to him.

2. If there are special circumstances in the case of this Zemindary which in your opinion render it equitable and proper to remit the amount of

of balance at present outstanding against it, and to reduce the amount of Peshcush for the future, the Board will be glad to be furnished with your sentiments, in order that they may bring the subject to the notice of Government.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient Servant.

J. C. Morris
Acting Secretary

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
23d February 1832
Dispd. 28th

C. H. Lemon

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of November 1831.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

[signature]

Jr. Dy. Secretary

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Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of November 1831.

Nos of the Petns	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board.
		Madura.	
954.	From Dharasawmy Naick Uncle to the present Zemindar of Cumneevadee in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains of having been deprived of his allowance, and prays that instructions may be given to the Collector to investigate his case.	Petitioner is referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to dispose of this petition. 21st November 1831.
949.	From Vijaya Vyapoory chinna Voba Nayadoo Zemindar of Palany in the Zillah of Madura.	Stating the death of a relation, prays her allowance may be granted to him.	Do. Do. 24th November 1831.
993.	From Samayyen an	Complains that a quantity of	The Principal Collector

Inhabitant of Yalundungoody Village in the Zillah of Madura.—	Paddy his property, has been illegally taken away from him, and that the Collector although he has investigated the case refuses him redress.—	of Madura will be pleased to report upon this petition by Endorsement.— 24th November 1831.—
986 From Histra Pillay of the Theroopoovanum Poova=nadah Swamy Covil in Madura.—	Complains of being deprived of his church lands by the Zemindar of Sevagungah, and prays for redress.—	Petitioner should apply to the Principal Collector of Madura.— 28th November 1831.—

(True Extract)

[signature]

Jr. Dy. Secretary.

C. F. [illegible]

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

To the PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR of

Madura

Sir,

&c

With reference to your letter of the 27th Jany 1832 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance Copies of the undermentioned Letters.

To the Chief Secretary to Govt — 16th Feby 1832
from the Secretary to Govt — 5th March "

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE: FORT ST. GEORGE, 8th March 1832

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. C. Morris

Acting Secretary.

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To

The Chief Secretary to

Government

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, reporting upon a Petition No. 58 of 1831.

8 September 1831

From the correspondence noted in the Margin it will be observed that the two Brothers Ally Mally Khan and Ryman Khan Killadars of Madura were allowed by Government a Pension of 50 Rupees per mensem each, and that at the death of the former his Pension was continued to his Eldest son during his life, at the reduced rate of Rupees 20 per mensem under the orders of Government dated 12th October 1830.

the Pl. Collr. of Madura 2
3rd November 1831
Do. 25th Novr. 1831
Do. 29th December "
Do. 27th Jany. 1832

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3 The Pension granted to Ryman Khan is stated to have been divided 30 Rupees being paid to him and Rupees 20 to his Sister. This individual is also dead and his family now Petition to obtain a portion of the allowance enjoyed by their late father. The Principal Collector states that since his decease they have principally lived on alms and suggests that one half of the Pension enjoyed by Ryman Khan Vizt. 15 Rupees a month may be continued to his family. The Board beg to recommend this proposition to the favorable consideration of Government as a similar indulgence has been granted to the family of his Brother Ally Khan.

4 The claims of the family of the former Killadars of Madura were first brought to notice by means of a Petition addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor and referred by endorsement by the Private Secretary for inquiry to the Principal Collector of that District and the Board in submitting a recommendation on the subject under date the 30th September 1830 were

From the Pl. Collr. 27th April 1830

19th Decr. 1829

aware that these pensions were drawn in the Military Department, as from the correspondence now submitted would seem to have been the case. — They beg to suggest that the Pension to the family of Ally Khan granted by Government under date the 12th October 1830 and also the allowance now propo[sed] for Ryman Khan's family, if sanctioned by Government may be drawn like the former Pensions in the Military department and debited thereto. —

[Re]venue Bd Office
[Fo]rt St George
[..]6 February 1832

(Signed) [.]C. Morris
[1]st Secretary. —

Fort St George 6th March 1832

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Gentlemen

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Acting Secretary's letter of the 16th ultim[o] No 71, and to state that agreeably to your recom-mendation the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the continuance of t[he]

Pension

fifteen Pension of (15) Rupees per Month to the family
the late Ryman Khan in the District of Madu
together with that granted to the family of the
Ally Khan to be payable in the Military De-
-ment and debited thereto.—

(Signed) T. R. Wheatley
Secrt.y to Govt.

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue.—

(True Copies)
L. C. Morris
Ag. Secretary.—

... T. S. Atkinson

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To

The Principal Collector of

Madura.

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Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Ultimo, and to convey to you their sanction for the Aumeen establishment appointed to the charge of the Shevagunga Zemindary at a monthly expense of Rupees 2978-10-.

2 The Board direct me to observe that the charge on account of the establishment in question appears to them to be extremely heavy and they in consequence desire that you will take into immediate consideration the practicability of reducing it and report the result to them.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
12th March 1832
Despt. 14.

J. C. Morris.
Acting Secretary.

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vide Register of Petitions received from the Board for the month of April 1830.

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To the Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement on Petition 233 of 1830 and to your letter on the subject, under date 20th May 1830, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to desire that you will state, the conditions upon which the Pension was originally granted; whether stipulated that the whole Pension should be continued till the death of all the Members of the family, or whether on the death of any individual the portion received by that person was to be discontinued. Also in the event of

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the pension being divided to the two survivors, what share you would propose for each.—

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St George
15th March 1832
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. C. Morris
Acting Secy

C. Wilkinson

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Circular

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura &c.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying Extract from a General letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 15th June 1831, and to desire that the instructions of the Honorable Court may be strictly attended to.

Paras 21 to 23

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St George
15th March 1832

Despd 3d April

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Dy Secretary

Compd W.G.

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Re.

Extract from a General Letter from England dated 15th June 1831.-

Settlement of the District of Bellary for Fusly 1236.- Para 21 The increase in Fusly 1235 amounted to Rupees 101473.- The revenue of 1236 has not fully come up to this being less by Rupees 35669, accounted for by a want of water, which prevented land, engaged for at the beginning of the season, at an assessment of Rupees 48590 from being ploughed.- We agree with you however, that the fact of so large a revenue as Rupees 2242098 having been collected within the year without the necessity of resorting to the distraint and sale of the property of a single individual, was highly satisfactory and that the administration of

of Mr Robertson, the Principal Collector, -
deserved much approbation. -

22 A decrease in the number of
Pottahs issued in a portion of the District
is explained by stating, that in certain part-
-nership Estates where Pottahs had formerly
been issued to the individual partners, a
single Pottah only had been issued to the
managing representative. - We have been in the
habit of considering these partnerships as cases
in which Pottahs to Individuals could not
easily be made effectual to their end. - But
where they have been actually introduced, and
where the expectation must have been enter-
-tained of their usefulness, good ground ought
to be assigned for the abolition of them; evidence
ought to be afforded not only of their having
failed, but of the reasons and causes of their
failure, before such a change is approved of. -

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23 The Board of Revenue say, "It is to be apprehended that the managing Representative may have it in his power to oppress the inferior sharers But this is less likely to be the case, where the partnership is confined to a family". We have great reason to know that this is a very imperfect security, and that in India much evil has arisen from reliance upon it. Though the Members of a family may unite their strength for the oppression of others in a village consisting of various families, it does not follow that the principal persons of one fraternity will not be oppressors of the rest, where they have the motive to be so. We are however glad to perceive that Mr Robertson afforded facilities for the separation of Ganchii partnerships by issuing Pottahs to individual Ryots desirous of

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entering into direct engagements with
Government. This we consider to be the
best security against the oppression of
the managing partners of Land cultiv[ated]
in common, and we direct that the Reven[ue]
authorities be instructed to grant sepa[rate]
engagements to the Ryots who may consi[der]
themselves to be aggrieved by the influen[tial]
Members of their community.

(True Extract)

R. Potter
Deputy Secretary

Comp. No. G.

Revenue Department

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To

The Principal Collector in
Madura & Dindigul.

Sir, Re:

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and to state that as the yeomiah to which it has reference was granted to the deceased Incumbent for life only, and there are no circumstances in the case which entitle it to particular consider=ation, they decline recommending its continuance to his family-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. C. Morris.
Acting Secretary-

Rev. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
19th March 1832
Disp. 28

Comp. N.G.

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Circular

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To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

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Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, under orders from Government, to request that you will give publicity in your District to the accompanying Proclamation notifying the provisions of Regulations IV and VI of 1831.

No. A in a letter from Govt. 13th March 1832

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
19th March 1832
Desp. [illegible]

R. Porter
Dy. Secretary

Compd. W. G.

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Be it known that by Regulation IV of 1831 the Courts of Adawlut are prohibited, without sanction of Government, from taking cognizance of any claims to hereditary or personal grants of money, or of land revenue, conferred by the authority of Government in consideration of services rendered to the state, or in lieu of resumed offices or priveleges, or of Zemindaries or Pollams forfeited, or held under attachment or management by the Officers of Government, or as a Yeomiah or Charitable allowance, or as a pension. The power to decide on such claims is reserved exclusively to the Governor in Council, after investigation

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by such persons and in such manner as he may see fit.—

By Regulation VI of 1831 it is declared that the emoluments annexed to hereditary village and other offices in the Revenue and Police Departments cannot be sold or transferred, that all transfers by holders of such offices shall be null and void, and that such emoluments shall not be liable to attachment in satisfaction of decrees of Court. Claims to such offices are not cognizable by the Courts, but are adjudicable by the Collectors, subject to an appeal to the Board of Revenue.—

1 Village watchers as well as other persons who hold hereditary village offices in the Revenue and Police Departments to which emoluments have been annexed by the Circar (excepting Curnums in permanently settled

settled Districts) are placed under the authority and control of the Collectors and are liable to suspension and removal by them, subject to the orders of the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) D. Eliott

Acting Register

(True Copy)

A. Moster

Depy Secretary—

Comp.d N. G.

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To

The Principal Collector of
Madura

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Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions referred to you in the Month of January last.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

W. Lockhart
Deputy Secretary.

Rev. Bd Office
Fort St George
March 1832
Desp. 31st — Do.

Comp. N. G.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of January 1832. —

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No. of Petition	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
47 829	From Appasawmy Moodely son of Kistnasawmy Moodely late English Accountant in the Collectors' Office of Madura —	Complaining that the Zemindar of Soopaloor has deprived him of his Surviamaniem which he inherited from his father and that the present Collector has refused to interfere in his behalf contrary to the Cowlepattiem and to a decision of the former Collector. —	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report upon this Petition by Endorsement. — 12th January 1832
11	From Seerygapah Naik at Madura. —	Complains of the unjust sale of his property to make good the arrears due by a Revenue defaulter who had taken the title deeds of his property	Do. Do. 19th January 1832

		[illegible] to the Collector. —	
34	From Petchayammal of Sivocotyour subject to Sevagunga Zemindary. —	Prays that one fifth of the property of her Father in law may be given to her and also that certain privileges may be made over to her. —	Petitioner should address the Princl. Collector who will dispose of her case should the Pagoda be under his charge. — 30th. January 1832. —

(True Extract)

W. Hudleston
Secretary —

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The Bd on the 1 Aug 1833 Called for an answer to this letter

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Circular Re

To the Principal Collector of Madura

Sir

The Board observe that a diversity of practice exists in the different Districts as to the mode of charging Enamdars with a proportion of the disbursements made by the Government in the repair of Tanks, Watercourses, &ca by which Sircar, and Enam lands are irrigated, and as it is essential that an uniform and equitable system should prevail throughout the Country, and that the Government should not be subjected

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to an expenditure not authorized by general usage — I am directed to request you will transmit to the Board at your earliest convenience a statement of the Surpeek, or proportion of disbursement, which may have been levied, or is leviable, upon any such Enam land, as above adverted to on account of repairs effected by Government during the last six years —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

R. Porter

Dy Secy.

Revenue Bd. Office
Fort St. George
2d. April 1832
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To the Principal Collector of
Dindigul & Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d March, and to inform you that they require to be furnished with further information relative to the land of the Petitioners therein referred to, before they can authorize the remission of the amount of assessment fixed thereon.-

2. You state that it has been the custom in your District to provide Poonjah or Porumboke lands for the purposes of building free of

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of taxation, from which it is to be inferred that the land in question belonged to the Circar and was by you made over to the Petitioners, whereas they state that they purchased it from the Inhabitants of the Village.—

3. The Board request that you will inform them of the nature of the land, and the extent that has been allowed for each person's house including the back-yard.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. C. Morris
Acting Sec.y

Revenue Bd. Office
Fort St. George
2d. April 1832
Disp.d 3rd

Comp.d
J. Boyd

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To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their Circular Orders dated 13th July 1826 to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of February last.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Rev. Board Office
Fort St. George
19th April 1832.
Desp. 1st May

[signature]

Pr. Depy. Secretary

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of February 183[2]

Nos of Petitions	Names of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
		Madura	
100	From Yanaperana Numby adopted son of Moottoosawmy numby and other Stauneecars of Alacur Covil Pagoda in the District of Madura —	Pray that certain privelege attached to a Pagoda may not be made over to a woman who has refused to perform the office connected with it according to her agreement —	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispo[se] of this Petition — 6th February 1832 R
95	From Nallanayagum of Pareya Puttee	Pray for the restoration of	Do. Do. Do.

Puttee Village a dancing girl of Streerungum Covil in Dindigul District.—	her Mauneyem lands granted to her as a dancing girl of Streerungum Pagoda of which she has been deprived.—

(True Extract)

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for Dy Secretary.

Revenue Department.

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Circular

To

The Principal Collector of

Dindigul and Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance copy of a letter addressed by the Acting Register of the Sudr Adawlut to the Chief Secretary to Government on the question whether estates of incapacitated proprietors are liable to be sold in satisfaction of arrears accumulated while under the management of the Court of Wards.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R Porter

Deputy Secretary.

Rev. Board Office

Fort St George

30th April 1832

Despd. 7th May

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To

The Chief Secretary to
Government in the
Judicial Department.

Sir,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st ultimo in which the Judges of the Sudr Udalut are required to state their sentiments relative to the construction of that part of Regulation V of 1804, which provides for the due realization of the public revenue from the estates of incapacitated proprietors, particularly as regards the liability of such estates to be sold in satisfaction of arrears, accumulated while under the management of the Court of Wards.–

2. The primary object of Regulation of 1804, as is shewn by the preamble,

to provide for the due preservation of the property of persons incapacitated by minority, sex, or natural infirmity from administering their own affairs, and its provisions seem to the Judges to demonstrate very clearly that the Government intended not merely to prevent fraudulent delapidations of the property by irresponsible trustees, but to secure to the proprietors so soon as the particular cause of incapacity should be removed, the possession of their estates unincumbered under any circumstances with public demands.

Clause Second, Section XIV. 3. It must be observed, that a certain proportion of the produce, whether the whole amount of the fixed Jumma be or be not realized, is to be assigned

Clause Fifth for the maintenance of the proprietors, which proportion is liable to be reduced or augmented according as the income derivable from property other than the

assessed

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assessed lands is, or is not, adequate to
their due support, that the income deriva-
-ble from such unassessed property is no
where declared appropriable to the discharg[e]
of arrears of revenue; that the lands, withou[t]
any sort of reservation or condition, are
declared not to be answerable for the
payment of the public revenue, that the only
recognized source from which deficiencies
are to be made good is the surplus
produce of future years, over which, it [is]
plain, the Court of Wards can have no
control after they have surrendered the
lands to the proprietor, and that the
Court of Wards are compellable to sur-
-render the lands to the proprietor so soon
as his disqualification is removed, for
this the Judges take to be the clear intent
of the provisions contained in section VII.
As far as the Judges can see, the
Regulation does not contain a single direc[t]
provision,

[cla]use fourth [se]ction XIV.

provision, nor even an incidental expres[sion]
which can be interpreted to authorize the
Court of Wards to retain possession of the
estate on account of arrears, which have
accrued during their management, or f[rom]
which it can possibly be inferred, that
such arrears were intended to remain a
debt against the estate to be liquidated [by]
the proprietor. In their judgment the
declared object of the Regulation and [the]
whole scope and tendency of it's provisi[ons]
lead to a directly opposite conclusion —

4 The Board of Revenue, how[ever]
are of opinion, that the exemption of the
lands from sale for arrears is restricte[d]
to the duration of the minority or other
incapacity of the proprietor, and that the
deficiency of one year is to stand again[st]
the Estate and to be made good from the
surplus Collections of future years, until [the]
incapacity of the proprietor ceases, when

t[he]

the Estate becomes saleable for the eventu
balance under the general law: and they
refer to clause first Section II Regulation
of the present year in support of their opin
Upon this opinion it appears to the Judg
sufficient to observe that it is utterly at
variance with the clear and explicit
declaration contained in clause fourth
Section XIV. It is quite plain that under
the Board's construction the lands of an
incapacitated proprietor will in point of
fact be held answerable, and strictly answer
-able, for the payment of the public revenu
although the enforcement of the demand
against the Estate will be postponed
for a time.–

5. The Judges of the Court of
Sudr Udalut are confirmed in the correctness
of the above opinion, in respect to the
intentions of the Legislature in framing t
provisions of Regulation V of 1804 by a referen

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to Section V of Regulation XIV of 1793, Section VI
Regulation LII of 1803, and clause second
Section III Regulation XI of 1822 in the code
of Bengal, which appear distinctly affirma-
tive of the same construction of provisions
enacted by the Supreme Government on
this subject, from the principle of which
the Judges see no reason to suppose
that it was intended by the Government
of this Presidency to deviate. –

Sudr Udalut Register's Office 7th December 1831.

(Signed) D. Eliott
Acting Register

(True Copy)

[signature]
Deputy Secretary.

C.F.

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To
The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to call your attention to their Proceedings under date the 24th October last, in which the Collectors were required to submit information as to whether Shotriumdars and others holding Villages exempt from the payment of revenue or Subject to a Quit rent are permitted to collect the taxes included under the general denomination of Mohturpha within their respective limits.

2. The Board desire that this information may be submitted without delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
17th May 1832

J. C. Morris

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To
The Principal Collector
of
Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to call your attention to Mr. Bannerman's letter of the 22d August last, transmitting an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th of that Month, relative to the Office of Town Cauzee, and to request that your sentiments on the subject may be submitted without delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

[signature]
Depy Secretary.

Reve. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
17th May 1832

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[initials]

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Circular

To
The Principal Collector
of
Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Rever[nue] to explain to you that Regulation V of 1832 was enacted for the purpose of legalizing and removing obstacles to the general levy of Moturpha as formerly practised and preventing the evasion of the tax and not with an immediate view of raising a greater amount of revenue from that source, and [in] consequence to desire that you will not under its provisions, extend the levy of that tax to places where it has not been before collected without having received their sanction for the measure, in applying for which, you will be good enough to furnish clear and explicit information as to the rates at which you propose to assess individuals and the amount of the revenue likely to be rea[lized]

to Government —

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[illegible]ort St George
[illegible] May 1832 —
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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

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Dy Secretary —

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Revenue Department

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To the Principal Collector of
Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para: 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying letter from the Secretary to Government enclosing copy of a letter from the Acting Register to the Court of Sudr Adawlut conveying the sentiments of the Judges of that Court on the question "whether the provisions of Regulation XXVIII of 1802 do or do not confer upon Meerassi-dars the privileges possessed by other landholders for the recovery of arrears of rent by distraint."

8th Feby 1832.

2. You are requested to report at your earliest convenience what practice has hitherto been observed in your district with regard to the Regulation mentioned above

above, and what have been the effects of it, and to state your opinion as to the expediency of making any alteration in the law as now declared by the Sudr Adawlut

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 7th June 1832. } I have the honor to be Sir, Your most Obedient Servant

Desp. 18 D.

R. Hale
Depy. Secy.

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Fort St. George 10th February 1832.

No. 138.

Gentlemen,

venue Depart.

With reference to your Acting Secretary's letter of the 12th Ultimo, No. 74, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying copy of one from

0th Feby 1832. No. 19 – the Acting Register to the Court of Sudr Adawlut.

(Signed) T. R. Wheatley
Secy to Govt.

To the President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

(No. 19)

To the Acting Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department.

Sir,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the

the receipt of your letter of the 25th Ultimo, requesting the opinion of the Judges of the Sudr Adawlut on the question whether "the provisions of "Regulation XXVIII of 1802 do or do not "confer upon Mamwundars the powers "possessed by other landholders for the "recovery of arrears of rent by distraint".

2. According to the preamble to Regulation XXVIII the power of distraint was granted to landholders and farmers of land in order to secure the punctual collection of the public revenue. Section II declares to whom the power is granted, namely, to proprietors of land, of which term a definition is given in Clause first Section II Regulation XXVIII of 1802, and farmers of land holding farms immediately from Government, and under farmers farming lands from proprietors of land. In short all persons who are liable to pay revenue to Government for their lands have the power to distrain

the

the property of their under-renters to enable them the more readily to answer the public demands, and under Section XXXVIII the same power is extended to Managers of Estates and to Collectors — holding lands in attachment or making a khas collection on the part of Government. — Mouzumdars and others — similarly situated having no revenue to pay to Government have not been vested with the powers of distraint, and there is nothing in the Regulation which leads the Judges to suppose that it was intended to confer such powers on them. —

Sudr Adawlut,
Registers Office,
6th February 1832.

(Signed) D. Eliott
Acting Register

(True Copies)

R Porter
Depy Secy

C. H. [illegible]

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Re.

To the Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of April last.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
R. Porter
Dy Secy

Revenue B. Office
Fort St George
18th June 1832

Desp. 28 — "

A. P. H.
T. S. Shindle

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petition for the Month of April 1832

Nos	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
269	From Iyahsawmy Pillay Paramasevam Pillay & others of the village of Vallanady in the District of Madura.	Complain of the over taxation of their Lands by the late renter Pray for enquiry.	The Pl. Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into the circumstances stated in this Petition and pass such orders thereon as may be necessary. 5th April 1832.
274	From Aubadadana Gooroocul & others of several Pagodas situated in Ramnad Zemindary.	Pray that they may be allowed to continue their offices of Dawustanum curnums &ca without molestation which offices have been lately usurped by people not entitled to enjoy them.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispose of this Petition. 5th April 1832.
284	From R. Soobrow Vakeel to [illegible] Ragoonada	Prays for copies of certain [illegible] towards	The Petitioner is referred to the Principal Collector of

		documents for which he prays. 9th April 1832
305 From Vencatarama Naick of Alagapoory & Narasimma Naick of Naranapoorum in the District of Madura.	Complain of the over assessment of their lands by the renter. Pray for orders to the Collector to enquire into the case.	The Principal Collr. of Madura will be pleased to enquire into and dispose of this Petition. 12th April 1832.
312 From Govinda Pillay of Singumpoonary in the Sivaganga Zemindary.	States that he is pressed by the Circar servants for payment of certain balances of sayer rent which he says he has paid. Prays for enquiry.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report on this Petition. 23d April 1832

(True Extract)

[signature]
Dy Secretary.

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[signature]

Revenue Department

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To

The Principal Collector of

Madura and Dindigul.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st Ultimo, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with Government, and to desire that you will report for their information the extent and boundaries of land which you ultimately may give for the support of the choultry proposed to be built by one Alagoopermal Moopen in your District.

To Govt. 13th June
From Do. 29th Do.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

R. Porter
Deputy Secretary

Revn. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
5th July 1832
Dispd. 12

discretion in furnishing ... the Zemindary of Sivagunga ... copies of the

Revenue Department

No. 224

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, enclosing an application for a grant of waste land for the support of a Choultry proposed to be built by one Alagoopermal Moopen, at the Village of Voopaleyaputty on the road between Madura and Pulney -

1st June 1832.

2. As the present application is in conformity with the rules sanctioned by Government under date the 11th August 1829, the Board recommend that upon the comple-tion of the Choultry waste land bearing an assessment of 60 Rupees per annum n[illegible]

be appropriated for its support.

Revᵉ Bᵈ Office
Fort St George
18ᵗʰ June 1832

(Signed) Alexʳ Morris,
Acting Secretary.

Fort St George, 29ᵗʰ June 1832.

No 564.

Revenue Departᵗ

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Acting Secretary's letter of the 18ᵗʰ instant, No 224, and to state that agreeably to your recommendation, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the Principal Collector of Madura to grant, on the completion of the work, waste land bearing an assessment of (60) Rupees sixty per annum for the support of a Choultry proposed to be built by one Alagoopermaul Moopen at the Village of Voopalayapetty on the road between Madura and Pulney.

(Signed) H. Chamier,
Chief Secʸ

To the President and Members of the
Board of Revenue.

(True Copies)

R W Wootie
Deputy Secretary.

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To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir

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With reference to your letter of the 11 Ulto I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance copy of the undermentioned letter

From the Chief Secretary to Govt. 3d July 1832

Office of the Bd. of Revr.
Fort St. George
9th July 1832

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

[illegible]
Secretary

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Fort St. George 3rd July 1832.

No. 577

Re.

Revenue Departt.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Acting Secretary's letter of the 21st Ultimo, No. 223, and to state that, under the circumstances therein represented, and agreeably to your recommendation, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the Principal Collector of Madura to continue a service yeomiah of (2) Two Cully fanams per diem lately enjoyed by the late Soobah charry, from the date of his decease, to his son Kistnah charry, who is stated to have performed the duties for which the yeomiah was granted.

(Signed) Hy. Chamier
Chief Secretary.

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

(True Copy)

[signature]
Dy. Secretary.

[signature]

vide Collrs letter of the 23rd June 32

Revenue Department
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To the Principal Collector of
Madura

Re.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board

W.

of Revenue to request that you will

N. 233 of 1829

return the petition from the widow of the late Poligar of Nuttum reported upon in your letter of the 23d ultimo.

I have the honor to be

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St George
16th July 1832
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Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

R. Porter
Dy Secretary.

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Ansd 29 Octr /32

Revenue Department 358

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Re.

To the Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

943 of 1831 of the 9th Instant, enclosing a Petition presented to Government by Cadambavanah Goorookul of Covilputty in your district, bearing your report by Endorsement.—

2 The Board entirely disapprove of the unauthorized appropriation of the funds destined for the support of the Nuttum Chuttrum to the establishment of a Choultry at Collampatty, and they direct that the petitioner may be reinstated in his original situation and rights and that the allowances granted for the support of his Chuttrum may be restored to him.—

Rev. Board Office
Fort S. George
19th July 1832
Despd. 25th do.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

[illegible signature]
Acting Secretary

[illegible]

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To The Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, and to observe that it is so clear that the purchasers of Maul-warum Grain cannot be considered as "under farmers," and liable to distraint under Regulation XXVIII of 1802 on failure of payment for the same, that they are surprized that you should have deemed it necessary to make a reference on the subject.

2. The Board desire me to state that you should have submitted your own opinion upon the points regarding which you deemed it requisite to apply to

to them for instructions, and they direct your attention to the necessity of affording every information in your power in future reference.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
19th July 1832
Despt 20 " —— "

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

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Acting Secretary

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To the Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826 to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions referred to you for the Month of May last

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
R. Porter
Dy Secretary

Rev. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
19th July 1832

Despd. 27th Do.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of May 1832

Nos of Petitions	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
		Madura	
374	From Maramoraya Toombeechee naick of Parumboor village in Ramanadapoorum. —	Complains of being deprived of lands which he had held for five Years by the Principal Collector's decision. Prays that they may be restored. —	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by Endorsement upon this Petition 14th May 1832
396	From N[illegible] Mordochistana Chetty of Podoor Meenatchepoorum and Latchmeepoorum in the District of Madura. —	State that a piece of land was given them near the Fort for them to build upon Prays that a grant of the land may be given them that they may enjoy it without interruption for the	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispose of this Petition — 21st May 1832

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No.	From	Substance	Order
		the future as the Fort Natamagar is at present disturbing and harrassing them. —	
360.	From Yellaya Pillay at Madura	States that great frauds are practiced by the Servants in the district owing to their relatives being employed at the Huzzoor who screen them from Detection Offers to prove several cases of embezzle=ment. —	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to take such notice of this Petition as it may appear to deserve. — 24th May 1832.
424	From Veahsaw chauree son of late Rama=chary Yeomiadar in No. 36 Madura — ✓	Prays that a Yeomiah may be continued to him from the date of his Father's death. —	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report on this Petition by endorsement. 28th May 1832.
425	From Veahsaw chauree son of Kristana chary worshipper of Anoomarcovil at Madeecheyam in the District of Madura — ✓	Prays that his meerasee may be restored to him. —	Do. Do. Do.

(True Extract)

W Porter

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Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of R.

Dindigul & Madura

Sir,

Para: 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 9th Instant, with it's enclosures, reporting on a claim set up by the Zemindar of Comarawady on behalf of the Meenatchy Soondra-eswara Pagoda to certain land said to have been granted to that Pagoda by his Ancestors, and which he alleges the Curnum of the Pagoda irregularly got possession of from the Manager of the Zemindary while under attachment in Fusly 1222, on condition of paying for it to the Pagoda a sum equal to the teerwah fixed by Mr. Hurdis on land of the same description.

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2. The Curnum states that he has been at considerable expense in repairing the tank under which the land in question is cultivated, which he has now been in possession of for the space of twenty years. The Board do not under these circumstances, consider the case to be such as to call for the interference of the Collector.

Rev. Board Office
Fort St. George
23rd July 1832
No. 27

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
[signature]
Acting Secretary

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Re.

To
The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their Circular Orders dated 13 July 1826, to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions referred to you for the month of June last.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
6th August 1832
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Dy Secretary

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of June 1832.

...	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
6	From Golam Ally Khan Saib Pensioned Killadar of Palamcottah now residing at Madura.	Prays that a permanent Cowle may be granted him for 150 Cawnies of Nunjah and Punjah land.	The Board do not consider it expedient to make any special Grant to this Petitioner. The Principal Collector may grant him the land on the usual terms of the District. 7th June 1832.
7	From Kistanummal Widow of Vencata Kistaniengar Yomiadar of Madura by her Vakeel Ramasawmy Iyengar.	Prays for the continuance of a yomiah of 3/4 fanams granted to them on account of their employing themselves in curing the disease of opthalmia.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by Endorsement upon this Petition. 7th June 1832.

Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
From Paroomal Caroopen and others Inhabitants of Maloor in the District of Madura -	Pray for remission & from the payment of rent for 100 Cawnies of waste land which was improperly in=cluded in their land also pray for remission on account of damage sustained by their crops. -	The Petitioners are referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will enquire into their case and see that they are not deprived of any portions of the remission to which they may be entitled in consequence of the damaged state of their crops - 18th June 1832
6 From Pareyacaroopen Ulagoo Ununtacon Chettananda Chetty and others of Troomokoor and other villages in the District of Madura -	Pray for remission on account of crops destroyed by rain and for proper repairs -	Petitioners are referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to pass such orders as may be necessary upon the Petition 2 [illegible] June 1832

527. From [illegible] Alagapah &ca Natamacars of Mungalum Village in the District of Madura.	Pray for the appointment of 10 Head men of the Village as the present number is insufficient to carry on the business.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispose of this Petition. 21st June 1832.
529. From Moheddeen Meira Saib residing at Keelakara subject to Ramanaad in the District of Madura.	Prays that the Police authority may be vested in the Principal Collector instead of in the Zemindar of Ramnad as at present.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report upon this Petition. 21st June 1832.
535. From certain Inhabitants of several Villages in Madacoolam Talook in the Zillah of Madura.	State that the Circar servants trouble them to pay full Teerwah upon their lands and pray that Puttahs may be given them not including lands where Crops may be destroyed by rain.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to pass such orders as may be necessary upon this Petition. 25th June 1832.

Names of the Petitioner	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
From Beemen the Grandson of Ramaswamy Servacara residing in the Village of Mangoolum in the Zillah of Madura	States that he has been deprived of his lands which have been made over to the Circar. Prays that they may be restored	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by Endorsement upon this Petition 28th June 1832

(True Extract)

R. Porter

Dy Secretary

Revenue Department

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Circular.

To The Principal Collector of

Re. Madura.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 7th June last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance Copy of a letter from the Acting Secretary to Government annexing Copy of one from the Acting Register to the Court of Sudr Udawlut on the subject of Maunemdars being empowered to distrain under Regulation XXVIII of 1802.

28th August 1832.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

R. Rocke

Dy. Secretary.

Revenue Board Office

Fort St. George

3rd September 1832

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Fort St. George 28th August 1832

No. 764

Revenue Departt.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the observations contained in para 6 of Extract from your Board's Proceedings under date the 19th March last, No. 121 on the subject of Maunumdars being empowered to distrain under Regulation XXVIII of 1802 I am directed to transmit for your information the annexed Copy of a letter from the Acting Register to the Court of Sudder Adawlut, and to request that it may be circulated to the several Collectors for their information and guidance.

(Signed) J. V. Stonhouse

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To

The President and Members

of the

Board of Revenue

Sudr Adawlut

No. 119

Re

To

The Acting Secretary to Government
in the
Judicial Department.

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Court of Sudr Udalut to acknowledge the receipt of the Chief Secretary's letter of the 8th of May last calling for their opinion, with reference to my Predecessor's letter of the 5th of February last; "whether in "cases in which lands held by Maunnimdars &c "are subject to the payment of a quit rent, "that circumstance brings the holders within the "description of persons specified in Section II. "Regulation XXVIII of 1802 or in other words "whether the quit rent thus payable comes strictly "within the description of "public revenue" for the "punctual collection of which the power of distraint

distraint were given to proprietors of lands and others." —

2 The Court of Sudr Udalut are of opinion that when the quit rent is not merely nominal, and the lands are consequently classed as Malgoozary, the landholders alluded to come within the description of persons specified in Section II Regulation XXVIII of 1802. —

3 In their proceedings of the 20th of December 1808 upon a question "whether land "held on a favorable rent or a quit rent, is to be "considered Malgoozary or Lacheraz," the Court of Sudr Udalut ruled, that "land paying revenue, "however trifling, to the Government is it matters "not by what tenure it may be held Khiraz, "that is to say not Lacheraz (exempt from pay. "revenue to Government) but Malgoozary " "subject to the payment of revenue to Govern- "ment," and this Court have subsequently " declared that "all land which is not Lacheraz

is

"is Malgoozary."—

4 The proprietors and renters subject to the provisions of Section II Regulation XXVIII of 1802, are described in Section II Regulation XXVII of 1802 to be, every Proprietor of land who pays the revenue assessed on his estate immediately to Government and every farmer of land holding a farm immediately from Government—

5 The two Regulations above alluded to, originally referred only to those lands on which a permanent assessment had been fixed, but by Regulation II of 1806 the provisions of Regulation XXVII and XXVIII of 1802 were extended to all lands on which the revenue was not permanently fixed and the powers of distraint were thus authorized to all persons described in Section II Regulation XXVIII of 1802 whether their lands were permanently

permanently assessed or not. 139

6 There is no allusion in the Regulatio[n] in respect to the rates of rent or revenue payab[le] to Government, requisite to constitute the right to excercise the powers of distraint. The provisi[on] of Section II Regulation XXVIII of 1802 as above shewn are applicable to the proprietors and others, of all Malgoozary lands whether the rent or revenue thereon is permanently fixe[d] or not, and if it had not been intended that they should apply to holders of Malgoozary lands of every description whatever might be the conditions upon which they were held, it would have been necessary to define in what cases the proprietor or Renter might or might not excercise the powers of distraint and this not having been done, the Court are of opinio[n] that the powers of distraint may be excercised under the Regulations by all Proprietors and Renters of land paying Rent or Revenue to Government however trifling that Rent or

Revenue

Revenue may be.—

Sudr Udalut
Register's Office
22d August 1832

(Signed) J.C. Morris
A° Register

(True Copies)
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Dy. Sec.

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Revenue Department

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To

The Principal Collector

of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your informat[ion] an Extract from the Register of Petitions referred to you for the month of July last.—

Rev.e B.d Office
Fort St George
[illegible] September 1832
Desp.d 5th October D.o

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

R. Porter

D.y Secretary

Comp. W.G.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of July 1832

No. of Petition	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
		Madura.	
572	From certain Inhabitants of Madacoolum in the District of Madura.	Prays for remission on account of Crops destroyed by rain and that Teerwah may not be demanded upon the 3d Crops —	Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to pass such orders upon this Petition as he may deem necessary. 9th July 1832.
580	From Rakea bee bee Daughter of Najeebonnissa and Grand Daughter of Mahomed Abrar Khan Killadar of Madura. —	Prays for the continuance to herself of the Pension enjoyed by her Mother. —	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by endorsement upon this Petition. — 9th July 1832
7?8 / 896	From Vencata Row the late	Dt. the various office	Petitioner is referred to the

	Woozer [illegible] in the Principal Collector's Office in Madura.—	held by him, his father and Brother under several Collectors of Tinnevelly stating that he was unjustly dismissed by Mr. Collector Viveash at the misrepresentation of his Enemy — Ramaswamy Iyen the Head-Serishtadar charges the Sheristadar with improper conduct and prays that he may be speedily restored to his situation.—	Principal Collector of Madura who if he considers him disqualified for office will report to the Board the ground of his opinion.— 30th July 1832
683	From Sashyer owner of the Natama Meerass of Solavundon Village in the Zillah of Madura ✓	Prays that he may be confirmed in the Office of Natamcar to which he is entitled as the heir of his father in law.—	Petitioner is referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to dispose of this Petition.— 30th July 1832

Compd. W.G.

(True Extract)
R. Porter
Dy. Secretary

Revenue Department.-

Re. 147

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura.-

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th Instant, submitting an address from Jacob, Padre and Superior of the Roman Catholic Churches in your District, and in reply to state that the Board do not consider it advisable to recommend that the Grant of Land solicited by him for the Roman Catholic Churches under his charge should be complied with.-

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

[signature]

Acting Secretary

Rev.e Bd. Office

Fort St. George

... September 1832

Revenue Department.

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Circular.

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura.

Re.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance copy of a letter from the Acting Secretary to Government forwarding copy of one from the Acting Register of Sudr Udawlut with an Extract from the Courts Proceedings on the construction of that part of Section VIII Regulation XXV of 1802 which refers to the Registry of sales and other transfers of land

[?]th Sept. 1832

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Rev. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
[?]th October 1832
P. 29

[signature]

Deputy Secretary

Comp. W. G.

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Fort St George, 26th Sept. 1832

No. 861

Gentlemen,

Revenue Department

I am directed to transmit to you the annexed Copy of a letter from the Acting Register of the Sudr Adawlut with copy of the Courts Proceedings therewith submitted on the construction of that part of Section VIII Regulation XXV of 1802 which refers to the Registry of sales and other transfers of land and of the provisions on the same subject contained in Section III Regulation XXVI of 1802, and to request that the same may be circulated for the information and guidance of the several Collectors –

(Signed) J. V. Stonhouse
Acting Secy. to Govt.

To the President and Members of the

Board of Revenue

Sudr

Sudr Udalut

(No. 134)

To the Acting Secretary to Government
in the
Judicial Department

Sir,

I am directed by the Judges of the Sudr Udalut to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying extract from the Courts' proceedings of this date.

Sudr Udalut
Register's Office
17th September 1832

(Signed) J. C. Morris
Acting Register

Extract from the Proceedings of the Sudr Udalut under date the 17th September 1832.

1 A reference has been made to the Court of Sudr Udalut respecting the

the construction of that part of Section VIII Regulation XXV of 1802, which refers to the registry of sales and other transfers of land, and of the provisions on the same subject, contained in Section III Regulation XXVI of 1802 —

2 The Provincial Court for the Southern Division have pointed out, that different constructions have been given to these provisions of the law, (and) have stated their opinion, that the object of the restrictions regarding the transfer of Zemindaree lands, in those enactments, is the security of the public revenue, that they are not intended to affect the validity of claims for the recovery of such estates or portions of Zemindarees though the transfer, on which the claims was founded might not have been registered at the office of the Collector, and that it is against the Government

Government that transfers of land, being unregistered, must be held to be not ... and not against the transferors —

3 The Court of Sudr Udalut entirely concur with the Provincial Court in opinion, that the want of Registry does not affect the validity of a sale of land as between the seller and purchaser, and that an unregistered transfer is invalid only as respects the Government —

4 At the period of the enactment of the Regulations above mentioned, the Government were legislating between themselves and the proprietors of Zemindarees, and their view extended no farther —

5 It has been ruled repeatedly by the Sudr Court, that it is not in the power of any Court of Judicature to interfere with the Registry of lands, that Collectors are answerable, that no new registry ... made without sufficient proof of a bona

transfer

transfer, that they alone have authority to perform the registry in the manner and under the circumstances set forth in the Regulations, and that a registry in other names cannot prevent a party's recovering lands, if adjudged to him by a judicial decree —

6 It has been judicially determined by the Sudr Court, in their decree in appeal No. 2 of 1827, that the registry of land in the name of a party is altogether insufficient to prove his right of property and that taken at the best it only sets him up, as the ostensible proprietor, and that judgment virtually involved a decision upon the construction of the provisions under consideration by affirming the title of a party to an estate, which stood registered in the name of another —

7 In consequence of the difference of opinion, stated to prevail on this subject, the Court have considered it

it proper to give it a full discussion. It is sufficiently obvious that registry by the Collector cannot confer a title, and the converse of the proposition, namely that want of registry cannot take away a title to landed property follows as a necessary consequence —

8 It is of course wholly incompetent to the registering officer, to decide whether, or not, a transfer be conformable to the Hindoo or Mahummedan law, and any other construction of Section VIII Regulation XXV and Section III Regulation XXV of 1802 than that declared in the 3d paragraph of these proceedings would have the effect of estopping the jurisdiction of the established Courts in a matter, which it belongs to them exclusively to determine

Ordered, that Extract of these proceedings be sent to the acting Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department

for

for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. —

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. C. Morris

acting Register

(True Copies)

R Porter

Dy Secretary —

Cons. W. G.

Re.

To
The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6th Instant, relative to certain land which you propose should be allowed to be occupied by certain Weavers exempt from assessment, and to state that as the Petitioners have not yet been subjected to the payment of Mohturpha revenue, the Board are of opinion that they should be required to pay the ground rent on the land occupied by their houses.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible signature]

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
[illegible] October 1832

Compd. M.G.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 18th October 1832.

Para: 1. The Board proceed to take into consideration the report of the Principal Collector of Madura

1st July 1832. and Dindigul on the settlement of the Land Revenue for Fusly 1241.

2. The following abstract exhibits the settlement of the Land revenue for this Fusly, in

Para: 2. comparison with the settlement of Fusly 1240.

Fusly

	July 1240		July 1241.		Increase		Decrease	
	Rs	a. P.	Rs	a. P.	Rs	a. P.	Rs	a. P.
Revenue from Zemindaries under permanent Settlement	6,36,250	5 7	6,36,250	5 7	"	" "	"	"
Ditto not permanently settled	87,861	9 6	87,861	9 6	"	" "	"	"
Revenue from Lands subject to annual Settlement, Quit Rents &c.a	8,62,774	4 4	7,03,992	3 8	"	" "	1,58,782	"
Total	15,86,886	3 5	14,28,104	2 9	"	" "	1,58,782	"
Hill Rent	4910	9 8	4910	9 8	"	" "	"	"
Total	1591796	13 1	1433014	12 5	"	" "	158782	"

Para: 3. 3. The reduction of the Land revenue shewn by the above Abstract is ascribed to the "entire" failure of the North East Monsoon, consequent on which was "a considerable reduction in the "cultivation, and heavy remissions on "account of Shavee, or withered crops." The season is otherwise stated to have pressed heavily on the Ryots, and it is remarked by the Principal Collector that the "deficiency of produce has not as usual been compensated by a corresponding rise in the price of Grain," that the Cattle have been destroyed by want of water, and grass, and that Cholera has prevailed in one part or another of the District from the month of December, to the termination of the Fusly.-

4. The remark of the Prin:-cipal Collector that the "deficiency

of produce was not as usual compensated by a corresponding rise in the price of grain may be correct if it is meant that the deficiency was not fully made up to the Ryots by the enhancement of the price of grain, but it appears by the Statements of prices which have been submitted to the Board periodically that it must have been made up in a great measure, if not completely. There was a considerable rise of prices in the 2nd quarter and they continued afterwards at a high rate throughout the Fusly.

5. The following Statement

a: 4. shews the amount of the Assessment of each Class of land brought into the Accounts of the settlement of fusly 1241 compared with the preceding fusly, the result being a Net decrease of Rupees 87,919-14-5.

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	July 1240			July 1241			Increase			Decrease		
	Rups	a.	p.	Rs	a.	p.	Rs	a.	p.	Rs	a.	p.
Poonjah Fields	463223	8	3	432464	2	9	"	"	"	20759	5	6
Do Gardens	70229	9	2	65235	3	1	"	"	"	4994	6	1
Nunjah	43[illegible]350	5	3	371937	6	10	"	"	"	61412	14	5
Nunjah converted to Poonjah	11[illegible]84	4	1	11493	10	"	"	"	"	190	10	1
Nunjah Gardens	14893	10	9	15839	3	9	945	9	"	"	"	"
Poonjah converted to Nunjah	2280	13	6	816	"	1	"	"	"	1464	13	5
Poonjah converted to Nunjah and reconverted to Poonjah	52	5	11	9	"	"	"	"	"	43	5	11
Total	985714	8	11	897794	10	6	945	9	"	88865	7	5
Deduct Increase										945	9	"
Net Decrease										87919	14	5

Extent of Land	Cawnies
Fusly 1240 —	3,12,691.
" — 1241 —	2,94,060.
Decrease in 1241 Cawnies —	18,631.

6. The gross amount of the assessment of the Lands included in the settlement being thus reduced below Fusly 1240 by diminished Cultivation, there was a further very large reduction in the settlement of the Lands cultivated on account of the remissions which it was considered necessary to allow for Crops withered by drought under the peculiar circumstances of the season. In Fusly 1240 the remissions on this account amounted to Rupees 1,142-2; in this year the amount was increased to Rupees 79,257-3-8.

Remissions for the failure of Crops.

7. Considering the great magnitude to which these remissions amounted, it was to be expected that full information would have been afforded by the Principal Collector of the

the means used by him for the purpose of obtaining accurate accounts of the losses actually sustained from the failure of water, and ascertaining that the failure was inevitable under the circumstances of the season, and could not be remedied by any exertion on the part of the Ryots. The general principles upon which remissions are to be allowed in cases of extraordinary calamity of this nature have been laid down for the guidance of Collectors, and it is their duty when the occasion occurs to regulate the remissions by a system of detailed rules founded on those principles, and in their reports to explain the rules and to point out distinctly their operation, in order that the Board may be able to judge how far they were conformable with their instructions. Mr Viveash

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has omitted to furnish any explanation
of the plan which he followed in this
part of the settlement, and though
Para: 5. it appears from a remark in his
report that he prepared a set of
general rules on the subject he has
not submitted them for the information
of the Board. All that he states is
that the usual deduction of 10 per Ct.
of the Sheavy claims in order to cover
loss from "false returns" was not made
this year excepting in 70 villages of the
Sub Collector's division. The Board think
that the Principal Collector has been
careless of his duty in passing over in
so superficial a manner remissions of
so much importance, not only in respect
to their amount, but in regard
to the difficulty of determining justly
upon claims on account of loss of Crop
so as to afford the greatest relief
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"to the Inhabitants with the least "sacrifice of the public re- "sources."

8. From the Statements of these remissions which accompany the report it appears that none was allowed unless the whole crop was lost, and that in such cases the remission was granted in different proportions according to circumstances, varying in the Dindigul division from R. a. p. 26-10-1 per Cent to the full amount of the assessment, and in the Madura division from R. a. p. 1-14-1 per Cent to the full amount. The amount of remission granted in the two divisions in cases in which the assessment of the land on which the Crop was lost was within 10 per Cent of the amount of the assessment of the whole land cultivated by the Ryot was Rupees 1417, out of a total,

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as above stated, of Rupees 77,257, or R. a. P. 1-12-7 per Cent. The amount of remission in cases in which it was within 20 per Cent was Rupees 7,143 or R. a. P. 9-10-2 per Cent of the whole remission. The whole amount remitted within 30 per Cent was Rupees 14,461 or R. a. 18-4 per Cent of the entire land given up on account of the failure of Crops. From these results it is to be inferred that a minute inquiry was made into the circumstances of each case in which remission was claimed, and that the remissions allowed were granted with discrimination; but without a knowledge of the rules by which they were regulated it is impossible to judge whether the settlement was made with discretion.

9. It is remarkable that the remissions in Dindigul on this account were

were much less in proportion to the whole beriz of the wet lands than in the Madura division. — In the former the proportion was Rs. a. P. 12-7-9 per Cent in the latter R. a. P. 27-5-6 per Cent. It is not stated that there was such a difference in the circumstances of the season in the two divisions as to account for this disproportion; and it was therefore particularly necessary for the Principal Collector to explain it.

10. With respect to the deduction of 10 per Cent of the "Shavy claims" which the Principal Collector states is usual, and which he considers "not objectionable in favorable years," if by "Shavy claims" is meant the amount of loss which the Claimants have proved and which has been entered accordingly in the accounts, supposing that proper means were used for ascertaining the real

loss

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loss and checking the accounts, the Board think it was right not to enforce the deduction in the settlement of this year. They are not aware that the practice which the Principal Collector here mentions was ever before brought to notice. It appears to them objectionable to make it a general rule to deduct 10 per cent for the purpose stated, namely to cover loss from false returns — the tendency of such a rule they conceive will be to cause exaggerated statements of the losses sustained.

Cowle remissions 11. The amount of remissions on lands held on Cowle was increased this year from Rupees 12,740-9-2 to Rupees 16,343-5-10, the total extent of the lands being Cawnies 12,586-4 assessed at Rupees 27,054-15 of which the settlement after deducting the Cowle remissions for

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Fusly 1241 amounted to Rupees 10,511-2.

12 The Principal Collector has furnished Statements of the lands held on Cowles as directed in the

2 Augt 1831. Board's proceedings on the settlement of Fusly 1240, but without any explanation of the irregularities which are to be found in them. Of those irregularities, the following is an instance. Of the Poonjah land in the Tyempully Talook held on progressive Cowle in Fusly 1240 the extent at 8/16 of the full Assessment was Cawnies 335-8½ as, which according to the regular scale should have been increased in Fusly 1241 to 12/16. But it appears by the Statements that c. 196-2½ a. remained at the same rate in 1241, while c. 77-6½ a. were at once made subject to the full Assessment. Like instances of irregularity are to be found in the Statement of Nunjah land

land on Cowle. Of land which was held free of tax in Fusly 1240 apparently as being the first year of Cowle, and which according to the regular Cowlenamah should be held for 5 years at a progressively increasing assessment, a portion is deducted in 1241 on the ground of the Cowle having expired; on the same ground deductions are made of other lands which ought regularly to be held on Cowle for some years longer. The progressive increase of assessment also in some cases is not according to the regular scale. Of the land newly granted on Cowle in 1241 it appears that 785.6 were granted on terms not authorized by the Cowlenamah, at specific rates per Goontah or Cooly instead of definite proportions of the full assessment progressively increasing.

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13. The Board desire that the Principal Collector will without delay furnish explanations of all the deviations from the regular system of Cowle remissions which are exhibited in these Statements and that he will at the same time submit the information required by the Board in their proceedings on the settlement of Fusly 1240 and in former proceedings therein referred to, the Board cannot but express their dissatisfaction at the neglect of the Principal Collector to furnish the desired information at an earlier period. They trust that his report on the subject will afford every requisite explanation of past transactions. In his future Statements he will be pleased to distinguish the lands held on Cowles granted according to the standard scale from those held on other terms.—

14. Among the deductions

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from the account of land held on
Cowle in Fusly 1240 in the Talook of
Iroomungalum in the Madura divi-
sion is 14 Annas of a Cawney of Poonjah
stated to have been converted into
Bagayet or Garden land. In 1240 it was
held at 6/16 of the full Poonjah assess-
ment Rupees 5-1-6. In 1241 it is en-
tered as held at 8/16 of the full assessment
which is stated to be still Rupees 5-1-6
thus it would appear that the Poonjah
assessment has been continued although
the land has been converted to Garden
Though the amount of this item is
inconsiderable, the principle is of
importance. It requires to be explained
under what circumstances the change
was effected, whether the land is irri-
gated by water from a Circar tank,
Well or Channel, or by means of a Well
constructed at the expence of the

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occupant, and what is the nature of the Well, whether it is a substantial work of stone or brick or of that sort known in the Ceded Districts by the name of Garisha of which the sides are supported by wicker work; and what is the custom in respect to such changes.

15. The Principal Collector states that he has been induced to de: "part from the Cowlenamah in a few "cases in the village of Virupatty at "the request of the inhabitants, in as "much as for clearing the deep Jungles. It appears that he granted the lands in these cases gratis for 2 years, with full assessment the 3rd year. According to the Cowlenamah the lands might have been held gratis for one year, at 1/8th of the full assessment the 2d year, and at ¼ the third, and the full as: sessment would not have been payable

payable until the 6th year. It is not apparent therefore how the alteration could have been beneficial to the parties unless they were left free to throw up the land on its becoming subject to the full assessment, in which event it would be likely speedily to revert to the state from which it was reclaimed. The extent and assessment of the land in question are not known; but supposing for example that the extent was 10 Cawnies and the assessment 40 Rupees, the statement in the margin shews that it would be more beneficial to hold it on the terms of Cowle for 6 years than on the terms which the Principal Collector appears to have allowed. The Principal Collector in his report on Fusly 1240 states

	Payable upon the Cowle granted by Mr. Viveash				Payable according to the Cowlenamah			
	Rs.	a.	P.		Rs.	a.	P.	
1st Year			"	Free	"	"	"	Free
2d "	"	"	"	Do.	5	"	"	1/8
3d "	40	"	"	Full assessment	10	"	"	1/4
4th "	40	"	"		20	"	"	1/2
5th "	40	"	"		30	"	"	3/4
6th "	40	"	"		40	"	"	Full assessment
	160	"	"		105	"	"	

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that he had granted certain remissions on Cowle in this village, and the Board in their Proceedings observed that the terms on which the Cowles had been granted should have been explained, at the same time they called the attention of the

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Principal Collector to observations made by the Board and the Government on former occasions as to the impolicy of attempting to force cultivation by bounties in the shape of remission. The Principal Collector does not advert to the remarks of the Board on this subject, but it is to be supposed that the Cowles to which he now refers are those mentioned in his report on Fusly 1240. If they are new Cowles granted on similar terms the Principal Collector has acted unwarrantably in issuing them contrary to the principles laid down by the Board without express permission. It is

is necessary for the Principal Collector to explain this. He will understand that he is not at liberty to grant any Cowles except according to the Cowlenamah without the previous sanction of the Board.-

Reduction of assessment.

16. The usual remissions under the heads of "Moonasib Cammee," or discretionary reductions of the assessment in the two divisions of Madura and Dindigul made by the late Principal Collector Mr. Peter, and "Hooloos Mauffee" the abatement finally made by Mr. Hurdis in the assessment of Dindigul settled by him, were of course less in this year than in the preceding one from the diminution of cultivation. The amount under the former head is Rupees 73,207-0-4 and under the latter Rupees 30,842-4-2. The "Hooloos Mauffee" is a permanent abatement of the assessment of Dindigul

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The further reductions made by Mr. Peter are temporary and subject to revision and alteration. The Principal Collector has lately submitted accounts shewing the permanent alterations which he proposes to make in the assessment of Dindigul, and the subject is under the consideration of the Board.

Para: 8. 17. The Principal Collector states that "Mr. Peter did not effect a complete revision of the assessment in some few villages among which are Keernoor in the Iyempully Talook & Goodaloor and Kanuvoypully in the Ingaray Talook of Dindigul, and that under the circumstances of these villages he has deemed it necessary to reduce their assessment." It appears however by the accounts lately submitted by the Principal Collector that two of these villages Keernoor and

Kannoovypully were comprehended in the revision made by Mr. Peter, and that in both the assessment was actually reduced by him. In the village of Keernoor the assessment of the 1st Class only was reduced, and the inference is that on the plan followed by Mr. Peter reduction was not considered necessary in the lower Classes. It is remarkable that in the statement of the rates of assessment in this village entered in the margin of para. 8 of the Principal Collector's report, the assessment of the 1st Class is omitted. Collectors have been repeatedly interdicted by Government from allowing partial reductions of the established assessment with reference to particular circumstances, or to promote particular objects, as having a tendency to derange the general system,

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and under the special instructions which have been furnished to himself Mr Viveash was quite unwarranted in granting the remissions in question for which it is evident there was no urgent necessity, without special sanction. The account he has given of the assessment of the villages above mentioned is too superficial to form a judgment upon; but the Board must observe that the alterations which have been made are not merely reductions upon the original classification as settled by the Survey, but involve in the villages of Goodaloor and Kanavoypully a change of classification. In the former 5 Classes of Poonjah land according to the old accounts are reduced into one at the lowest rate of assessment in the latter 4 classes are reduced into one, and the rate of assessment of the lowest of the four

-Classes is raised, the assessment of the other classes is likewise raised.- The Board are not prepared to sanction such alterations; and they direct that the settlement of the current year be made as heretofore at the established rates.- The permanent assessment of these villages will of course be determined in the general revision of the assessment. The Principal Collector will distinctly understand that he is not at liberty to alter the assessment in any respect without express authority.-

Remission for difference of measurement.

18. Remissions amounting to Rupees 1,170-9-11 were made this year for the difference between the real extent of certain lands and the extent entered in account. Similar remissions were allowed in Fusly 1240 and the Principal Collector refers to the explanation of them in his report for that year, wherein he stated that the dif-

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ference had been added to the Survey measurement by overzealous Tahsildars. The Board, in their proceedings upon that report, observed that the adjustment had been made by deducting 6¼ per Cent from the excess found on remeasurement above the Survey extent, making a corresponding allowance of 6¼ per Cent in cases of deficiency. They expressed their opinion that this allowance did not afford a sufficient latitude for errors of measurement, and directed that it should be extended to 10 per Cent. They observed also that the accounts should shew the gross addition and the gross deduction.

No. 11. The Principal Collector has submitted a separate account of the adjustments made this year and the remissions allowed accordingly but it does not exhibit the gross addition and gross deduction as desired by the Board, and the Principal Collector states that

that he has not altered the rate of allowance for excess and deficiency above mentioned, [which he explains "was fixed on because it was 1/16 or one anna"] the said rate being usual. The Board having deliberately considered the subject on the former occasion, and advisedly directed the rate of allowance to be increased, it was the duty of the Principal Collector to act upon their instructions. They now again direct that he will conform to the orders he has received on this subject, whenever a remeasurement is resorted to; but they do not think that this will be necessary frequently. In general the rule should be to make the settlement with reference to the measurement in the Survey accounts.

19. The Board observe that although the adjustment in question is stated to have been made generally by comparing the extent entered in

the Survey accounts with the result of
the remeasurement, and allowing for
excess and deficiency at the above rate

Statement No. 11. in two villages out of the seven
Ammapully and in which remissions were allowed
Pumaracolum the Survey accounts were not
referred to, and it would seem were
not ready for reference. It appears also
that only the cultivated land in these
villages was examined. Under these
circumstances it is impossible to under-
stand how the remissions were deter-
mined.

20. The remissions granted in
Fusly 1240 under this head not appear-
ing under the same head in the ac-
counts of Fusly 1241 it should have
been explained how the amount is
disposed of, or if the difference is
written off under what head of de-
duction it is included.

21. Of the remaining remis-
Para: 14. sions the only one noticed particularly

by the Principal Collector is one granted newly this year amounting to 16 Rupees This is the assessment of certain lands granted by the Principal Collector to the Palany Paliars or Hill people in order, as he explains, to induce them to continue their residence in the passes of the Hills. He states that a similar indulgence is allowed to people of this class by the neighbouring Zemindars, who find them useful "in keeping off wild cattle, in preventing thieves from herding in the passes, and in keeping up a communication with the villages in the Palany mountains," and that "the Ryots of the Sircar villages under the hills require the assistance of these people also." Collectors are strictly prohibited by Regulation and by repeated orders of Government from making grants of this kind without authority. The expediency of such grants for the purposes stated

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is doubtful but on referring to the
account in which the remission is en-
tered it does not appear that the grants
in question were really made for those
purposes, but "for bringing waste lands
under cultivation in Hill villages." –
Government as above observed have
always discouraged the granting of
extraordinary indulgences with the
view of forcing cultivation in particular
spots where the people would not at-
tempt it without such bounties, consi-
dering it impolitic by such means to dis-
turb the natural employment of labour
in the situations where it can produce
the greatest returns and the Board
think that if the grants in question
have been made as stated in the
accounts for the purpose of encouraging
the cultivation of waste, they should
be annulled. – The Principal Collector
will abstain from making any such
grants in future. –

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22 The total amount of the re-
missions allowed at the settlement of
this year was Rupees 2,08,879
being Rupees 71,010-9-10 in
excess of the remissions al-
lowed in Fusly 1240. The amount of
the demand upon the lands subject
to annual settlement after these
remissions was Rupees 6,88,915-5-6
to which adding Quit
Rents, rents of topes &
amounting to Rupees
58,461-8-3, and deducting
Rupees 43384-10-1 appro-
priated for the support of Pagodas
the subsistence of Poligars &ca. the ne[t]
result is Rupees 7,03,992-3-8 exhibited
in the abstract entered above in para.

Fusly 1241	2,08,879-5-0
" 1240	1,37,868-11-2
	71,010-9-10

Statement No. 5.

Rupees	6,88,915-5-6
Add ready money Collections	58,461-8-3
	7,47,376-13-9
Deduct Charges	43,384-10-1
	7,03,992-3-8

23. In their proceedings on
the settlement of Fusly 1240 (Para 2
the Board observed that the item
"Malapanum" entered under the
head of "Soornadayem" or ready mon[ey]

Proceedings in Cons: 22d Augt. 1831.

Collections, appearing to be revenue from land cultivated between the Hills, ought properly to be brought under the general head of land revenue. The
13 Principal Collector now explains that this revenue is derived from stony lands cultivated with the pick axe on the slopes of mountains and is de-termined at a certain rate per pick axe, and not upon the extent of land, in consequence of the difficulty of mea-surement, for which reason it is con-sidered of the nature of a rent. It is clear from this account that the set-tlement of this revenue can be made individually; there appears no reason therefore why it should be brought under a different head from the general land revenue under annual Ryotwar settle-ment, and the Board desire that the Principal Collector will discontinue the present arrangement. It is observed that there is now a distinct entry

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under the head of "Malapanum" in the account of dry land included in the general settlement, the number

Statement No. 5.

No. of Fields. Cawnies

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of fields and the extent in Cawnies being specified.

The Principal Collector will be pleased to explain what difference there is in the cultivation of the lands bearing this designation respectively, thus separately brought to account.

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24. With respect to the Hill rents mentioned by the Principal

Para: 13. Collector in the same para it will be proper to comply with the wish of the inhabitants for an individual settlement as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for the purpose.

25. The Board concur with the

Para. 15. Principal Collector in thinking it will be time enough to revise the assessment of Nuttum in the Mellore Talook after a decision has been passed upon the proposed alterations of the Dindigul

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assessment now under consideration.

ai 16 26. The Board are not prepare[d] to adopt the Principal Collector's Sum-mary recommendation that certain gardens which have been formed on lan[ds] originally classed as Porumpoke on the banks of the Vigay river, shall be as-sessed uniformly at 1½ Pagoda per Cawn[y] being the rate of assessment on lands he[ld] on Government Grants. This rate is in-tended as a Quit rent on ground oc-cupied, or to be occupied, by buildings and there is no analogy between the cases. It appears from the Statemen[t] submitted by the Sub Collector that the lands in question are now classed partly as Nunjah and partly as Poonjah, and a[re] assessed accordingly, being subject to an additional assessment for the trees growing upon them, the amount of which greatly exceeds the land tax. The Principal Collector will be pleased to explain how the tax upon

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the trees in these gardens has been de-
termined, and what is the general rule
of the District regarding the assessment
of topes, particularly whether the lan[d]
and the trees are taxed separately.
He will state whether the rent of the
trees in the gardens in question is
included in the sum of Rups. 25,951.2
entered in the Soornadayem as the
rent of topes and trees. He will also
submit a statement shewing what
would be the effect of remitting the
tax upon the trees and subjecting the
land to the proper garden assessment.

Para: 17 27. The Principal Collector pro-
poses to remit the tax on fruit trees
growing "in private gardens of the inha-
bitants," which he states is collecte[d]
independently of the garden assessme[nt]
the amount of the tax in the Dindig[ul]
division being only Rupees 652. The
Principal Collector should have

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explained what he means by "private gardens," as in relation to this idea he refers to the total waste of the garden lands in the division, and states as a reason for the proposed remission that he "thinks it incumbent to remove all causes which have produced the abandonment of this property." The account submitted by the Princl. Collector to which he refers in his remarks is a very extraordinary one. It does not exhibit the present state of the garden lands, as was to be expected, nor their state at any one time. It professes to shew the cultivated and waste in Fusly 1236 for 4 Talooks, and in Fusly 1240 for 1 Talook, and not of all the garden lands in Dindigul as was to be understood from the Principal Collector's remarks, but only of those described as Tobacco and Coday gardens. It is not to be supposed that the trees subject to the tax

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the aggregate amount of which is only 652 Rupees, are scattered over the whole of the land entered in the account. To exhibit the effect of the tax the account should shew the extent and assessment of the land bearing trees, and the proportion cultivated and waste, separately from the land not bearing trees; and not for one year only, but distinctly for the last 4 or 5 years. It is not clear whether the Principal Collector means that the tax on trees in what he calls "private gardens" should be remitted generally throughout the District or in Dindigul only. If the former, the account should embrace the whole District. It is necessary to explain why the proposed remission is confined to "private gardens" whatever these may be, and upon what grounds it could be consistently refused with respect to trees growing in other gardens, and

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in ordinary dry and wet land. The omission of the Principal Collector to mention this subject in his report upon the assessment of Dindigul is remarkable.—

28. The explanations and information required upon this subject and upon all other points noticed in their proceedings the Princ.l Collector will be pleased to furnish without delay.—

29. The following statement of the balances remaining at the close of the Fusly is taken from the Principal Collector's report.

	Balance up to May 1832	Collections up to 10th July 1832.	Balance.
Zemindaries under permanent Settlement	3,12,861 4 .	74,855 15 9	2,38,006 4 3
Ditto not permanently settled	27,277 . 6	5,046 5 10	22,230 10 8
Total	340,138 4 6	79,902 5 7	2,60,235 14 1
Land revenue under direct management	1,71,943 13 3	75,063 12 1	96,880 1 2
Hill rents	1,889 9 8	611 ..	1,278 9 8
Total	5,13,971 11 5	1,53,577 1 8	3,58,394 9 9
Deduct collected up to the date of the report			25,970 .. ..
			332,4[illegible]

30. Of the above heavy balance the greater portion Rupees 182,000 was due by the Zemindar of Sheraguuga of which all but Rs 130,000 the Principal

Para 18. Collector expected to realize within a month. The Zemindary is under attachment. The correspondence noted

From the Pl. Collr. 8th July 1832.
To Do. — 19th — Do. — "
From Do. — 27th Septr. — "
To Do. — 15th Octr. — "

in the margin which has passed between the Principal Collector and the Board relative to the recovery of this balance is ordered to be submitted to Government. A balance

Para 19. of Rupees 27,000 was due from Ramnad for the discharge of which the Principal Collector states there were funds available. The Zemindaries not permanently settled against which there were arrears had been attached.

31. The Principal Collector expected to realize the whole of the balance of the land revenue under the

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[...]ce at the close of the Fusly	96,880 - " - "	of Government, Rupees 92,000,
Deduct subsequent Collections to the Date of the report	- 4,880 - " -	by the close of September.
	92,000 - " - "	He observes, that the

"Balance arises from the "custom of deferring part of the Collection "in scarce years till the ripening of the "Koday Crop in August and September" and he proceeds to say "this indulgence "may be fairly allowed in this District "as the Ryots are an honest race and "may be trusted."

32. The custom here mentioned was not known to the Board, and they think it a bad precedent to follow. It is in effect to anticipate the resources of the current year for the purpose of covering the deficiencies of the preceding one, and the probable result will be to keep up a running balance from year to year against the Ryots, than which nothing is more likely to depress

their

their energies, and consequently to im-
-pair the resources of the Country. By
such expedients disorder and confusion
are introduced into the revenue accounts
and it becomes difficult to understand
what are real transactions, and what
are merely the results of irregular ad-
-justments- whether the balance of any
year is the necessary result of a defi-
-ciency in its resources from the circum-
stances of the season, or whether the
resources were ample, but the balance
has arisen from their having been
applied in part to the discharge of
arrears. The Government is not indeed
to forego the opportunity which a good
year affords for recovering from its
surplus the balances remaining from
a bad one immediately preceding it,
but the measures for this purpose should
be taken with extreme caution, and
the first returns from the cultivation
of

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of the current year should not be assigned by anticipation to the liquidation of those balances. Considering the high prices which prevailed during Fusly 1241 and the great remissions which were made to the Ryots by which the demand for the year was so much reduced, the Board did not expect that so large a portion of it would have remained outstanding at the end of the Fusly. Upon this subject the Principal Collector ought to have given a particular explanation.

33. The Board observe that the balance at the end of the Fusly exceeds by the large amount of Rupees *72556 the balance which remained at the close of Fusly 1233 the most calamitous year on record. The amount collected in Fusly 1233 on account of the Current demand was Rs 1207884 exceeding the amount collected in Fusly 1241 by Rs *136895.

[Bala]nce of 1241	3,57,115
[Balance] of 1233	1,84,559
	* 1,72,556

[Col]lections of 1233	12,07,884
[do] 1241	10,70,989
	* 1,36,895

34. The balance on the 10th Ju
is stated to have been 3,58,394 as a
shewn, and at the date of the Princi
3,58394 collector's report, the 16th July, Rupees
25970
332424 3,32,424. On reference however to Colu
16 of the Demand Collection and Bala
account to the 12th July the actual
balance would appear to have been
on that date only Rupees 277379 exclus
of the balance under the head of "Hi
rents" which being brought to accoun
separately under the head of "Sundry
Small Farms and Licences" cannot
ascertained. This difference require
explanation which the Principal
Collector will be pleased to furnish.

35. The total gross receipts
of this Collectorate from all sources
amounted during Fusly 1241 to Rupe
2344173-7-7 and the Charges exc
-sive of advances recoverable, com
-pensation for resumed privileges

Pagoda Allowances &c.a to Rupees 316,674-12-6 being in the proportion of 13 6/16 per Cent to the gross receipts."

(True Extract)

[redacted]

Acting Secretary

Ca. S. C. Hinde

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Revenue Department.

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura, &c.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 29th Ultimo, requesting that you may be authorized to purchase on account of Government two Houses, erected close to the Treasury, and in reply to request that you will state by whom and when the houses were built, and what title the parties had to erect them on the space which they occupy, which from the sketch submitted by you, would appear to form part of the site of the Cutcherry.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

[illegible signature]

Acting Secretary

Rev. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
[illegible] November 1832

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Revenue Department

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To the Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions referred to you for the month of September last —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

R. Hooke

Dy Secretary

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
12. November 1832
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Madura

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of September 1832

Number of Petitions	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
806	From Chedumbarum culti-vating Inhabitant of Dindigul Cusbah in the Zillah of Madura —	Complains that certain persons having destroyed the bund of a tank let out the water whereby Petitioners suffered great loss - Prays for inquiry and compensation and that the offenders may be punished —	The Principal Collector will be pleased to report upon this case — 6th September 1832
821	From Abbadarana Gooroocul and others belonging to Davastanums in Ramnad in the Zillah of Madura —	Complains of misconduct and peculation on the part of the manager of the Davastanum in the Ramnad District - Prays that he may be made to refund a large sum of Money taken by [illegible]	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to inquire into the statements contained in this Petition —

from the Davastanum fund and that he may not be allowed to receive any more of the property belonging to the Davastanum. —

316 From Raukoo Naichegar for 3 widows of the Late Moottoonya Ragoonatha Vingaprya Odyah Tavur Zemindar of Shevagunga in the Zillah of Madura —

Prays that Princl. Collector of Madura may be directed to pay Petitioners a Monthly amount of 120/– Rupees.

The Principal Collector will be pleased to report upon this petition without delay. —

20th September 1832

(True Extract)

R Porter
Dy Secretary

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To

The Principal Collector in

Madura and Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to convey to you their sanction for the Sibbendy Establishment appointed to attach the Zemindary of Velliacondum at a monthly charge of Rupees 17-8-"-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

[signature]
Acting Secy.

Rev. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
13th December 1832
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